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Re. Anonymous Phone Calls

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Dear Mr. Norton

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These kinds of dirty political tricks were the reason why both the Federal Election Campaign Act and the Bipartisan McCain-Feingold law were passed. Congressman Taylor has a right to know who is attacking his integrity and all citizens have a right to know who is paying for these sham calls.

I ask that you investigate these illegal calls immediately. For future correspondence, my mailing address is  
Canton, NC, 28716.

Sincerely,  
*Frances Free*  
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Enclosures

Haywood COUNTY, North Carolina

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004

*Diana T. Burnett*  
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My commission expires

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